

In reply refer to  
IAD

July 21, 1948

Dear Captain Ford:

Reference is made to your memorandum of June 14, 1948, in which you state that CIA is willing to provide support for five additional positions in the grade CAF-2, to enable the Department of State to make more adequate distribution of intelligence information to CIA and IAC agencies.

The Department of State gratefully accepts the assistance offered by CIA as indicated in your memorandum. We agree that it would be most feasible for CIA to employ the personnel on its rolls and to place them under operational supervision of the Department of State.

The Department will be glad to select the personnel and to subject them to the same security investigation as we habitually make for personnel employed in the type of work involved in these positions. Of, if you prefer, CIA may make the investigations, in which case, our security people would appreciate the privilege of seeing the results. I have requested the Chief, Division of Departmental Personnel, of the Department, to coordinate the administrative details of this action with the officials designated by you in your memorandum.

I wish to express the appreciation of the Department for the cooperation and assistance of the Central Intelligence Agency in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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